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VIRGINIA'S CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM 2007

The inventory of Virginia cattle and calves totaled 1.57 million head on January 1, 2008, according to the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. This is a decrease of 3 percent from last year's inventory of 1.62 million head.

- * Virginia's inventory ranked 20th in the United States in total number of cattle and calves with 1.6 percent of the total United States inventory.
- * Beef cow inventory, at 692 thousand head, was down 3 percent from last year's total of 710 thousand head. Milk cow inventory totaled 98 thousand head, down 2 percent from the 2007 total.
- * Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 790 thousand head, down 2 percent from last year's total of 810 thousand head.
- * Beef replacement heifers totaled 122 thousand head on January 1, up almost 2 percent from the 2007 total of 120 thousand head. The milk replacement heifer inventory increased 5 thousand head from last year to 45 thousand head.
- * Virginia's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 150 thousand head, up 15 percent from the 2007 total of 130 thousand head. Total inventory of all calves under 500 pounds was 365 thousand head, 89 percent of the 2007 total.
- * The 2007 calf crop totaled 740 thousand head, no change from the 2006 calf crop.

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U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 96.7.0 million head on January 1, slightly below last year's inventory of 97.0 million head.

- * All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007.
- * Beef cows totaled 32.6 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were up 1 percent from a year ago at 9.22 million head.
- * Beef replacement heifers, at 5.67million head, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were up 3 percent to 4.46 million head.
- * The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.

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